



Barnes Farm Junior School



NEWSLETTER

Current Attendance:
97.3%

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Y5 Scientists Top Competition at Great Baddow High School

12 budding scientists visited Great Baddow High School to participate in a science event to support our 'thinking scientifically' Single Plan. The children achieved the highest score out of all the schools present and gained the highest score in the whole of the UK to date. Well done!

Shakespeare Rocks

The Y6 pupils put on 4 brilliant shows of the play 'Shakespeare Rocks'. Parents, grandparents and the rest of the school all had an opportunity to watch the production which featured solo singing, comic acting and brilliant choreography. Well done to the staff and pupils for a magnificent achievement.

Pupils of Achievement

6 children from each class were congratulated on a particular achievement this morning in a special assembly. The categories were:

- Achievement
 - Progress
 - Creativity
 - Sports
 - Music
- Citizenship (voted for by class)

We also celebrated our 100% Attenders from across the year.

Achievement Assembly

Parents of the prize winners joined us for a special assembly on Wednesday where we celebrated the latest progress in handwriting across the school. It was also an opportunity to hand out the annual awards. Well done to the following pupils:

- Heathcote Award - Hannah M Y4
- Arnill Cup (Music) - Chloe W Y6
- Williamson Award (Computing) - Jake J Y4
- Brierley Cup (Sports) - Sam D Y5
- Leonard Award (Citizenship) - Finlay M Y6



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Behaviour Raffle Winners drawn!

Every child who earned a golden ticket this term had a chance to win in our Behaviour Raffle. Children earn tickets for going above and beyond in demonstrating our 'Secrets of Success' or for behaving brilliantly at lunchtime. This term, our prizes were donated kindly by Decathlon who have opened a new store in Chelmsford. One lucky winner (Jake C in Y4) won a £150 voucher and 5 other winners each won a £10 voucher to spend in the store. Well done to all of our pupils who earned raffle tickets and 'aimed high' with their behaviour this term.

House Reward



Pegasus House won the overall House challenge and as a result were invited to take part in a reward event at Jump Street. Some Pegasus members ventured onto the Clip 'n' Climb challenges and others had a 1 hour jump.

The children were brilliantly behaved - thank you for the parents who supported the event with donations too.

Summer Fete

A huge thank you needs to go out to our Friends of Barnes Farm Schools who put on a well organised and enjoyable Summer Fete for pupils from both Barnes Farm schools. A special thank you needs to go to Miller + Carter and Mace Playce for their time and support to the event too. The committee have reported that the profit so far is £2,500. The Junior school intends to spend the money on continued development of outside areas with some static table tennis tables.

Summer Homework

Each pupil should receive a home learning booklet to help sustain learning over the Summer break. It has been designed to enable one simple task to be completed each week over the holiday to support a smooth transition into the new academic year.

Goodbyes

Miss Debbie Rudkin leaves us to take up a part-time SENCo post across two schools. I am pleased that she has been able to continue her newly-found passion for supporting pupils with special educational needs in the light of Mrs Cato's return from maternity

leave in July 2017. She has worked at the school for 9 years as a classteacher and established an excellent reputation for calm diligence and great teamwork. **Mrs Elaine Leonard** has decided to leave the school to 'try something new' after 14 years at the school. Her work, particularly as an HLTA but also as a staff Governor, has given great service to the school and its pupils. I wish her well with the new ventures and thank her for her unswerving loyalty and dedication to the school over so many years.

Mrs Eileen Weir will be retiring after an amazing 19 years at the school. Her work as an LSA has provided highly individual support to numerous pupils over the years, truly making a difference to those involved.

Mrs Sian Wilson is moving closer to home to work at a new school. She has made a real difference to many pupils in her two years as an LSA. Thank you!

Governor Newsletter

Please find attached to this communication, the termly Governor newsletter. We will be looking for new Governors in September so if you feel that you have the necessary skills, qualities and ideas to contribute to the school, look out for information on how to put yourself forward for election.

Ofsted July 2017

A number of parents have asked about the outcome of the recent inspection. We have been informed that it will not be published until mid-September but the school is greatly looking forward to the outcome.

Y6 Leavers

We wish our Y6 pupils well as they move on to the next chapter in their continuing education. They have enjoyed a Leavers' Party this evening (run by the staff) and received autograph books to circulate too.

If any parents have any Barnes Farm Junior logo sweatshirts in great condition that are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the school as they would be very welcome to add to our second-hand stock.



Headlice



We have had some very unwelcome visitors in school recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and use either wet-combing or medicated products. For more advice go to www.nhs.uk

